

ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 4th JULY 2015
At THE OAKS FARMHOUSE, NFU Mutual HQ
Tiddington Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7BJ

AGENDA

10.00am

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Accuracy of Minutes from 14th March 2015.
4. Matters arising from the above minutes.
5. Chairman's report.
6. Secretary's report.
7. Treasurer's report.
8. New Club Applications.
9. Rule Change Proposals
10. Section Reports.
 - a. Caravan Secretary
 - b. Overseas Liaison Officer
 - c. Non-competitive Clubs / Show Co-ordinator
 - d. Countryside Access Officer
 - e. National Rally Liaison Officer
 - f. Press & Publicity
 - g. MSA Liaison Officer
 - h. Scrutineering & Off Road Committee Chairman
 - i. Competitive Events Consultation Group Report
 - j. CCMSA Coordinator
 - k. ALRC Handbook Editor
 - l. Web Master
 - m. Child Protection Officer
11. Any other business.
12. Date & time of next meeting.
13. Close of meeting.

You are reminded that items for inclusion on agendas should be submitted to the Chairman or the Secretary prior to the day of the meeting.

The Scrutineering and Off Road Committee Meeting will take place starting at 13.00.

CLUBS PRESENT – ALRC AGM 14.03.15

| | Present | Apologies |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS | Simone Birch, Denis Bourne Derek Spooner | |
| ANGLIAN LRC | Sue Flanders | Andrew Flanders |
| AYLESBURY LRFC | | |
| BRECKLAND LRC | | Martin Sullivan |
| CHELTENHAM & COTSWOLD ROC | | |
| CHILTERN VALE LRC | Tim Linney Matthew Fulwood | Steve Murphy |
| CORNWALL & DEVON LRC | Guy Cashmore Peter Alexander | |
| CUMBRIAN ROC | Alex Cowsill | |
| DISCOVERY OC | Janet Smart | |
| DORSET LRC | | Caroline Hart |
| DUNSFOLD CSSS | Paul Barton | |
| EAST NORTHANTS LROC | | Barry King |
| ESSEX LRC | | |
| HANTS & BERKS LRO | | Steve Kirby |
| LANCS & CHESHIRE LROC | Colin Gaukroger | |
| LAND ROVER REGISTER 1948 -53 | Andrew Neaves | |
| LAND ROVER SERIES 1 CLUB | Andrew Cross | |
| LAND ROVER SERIES II CLUB | Tom Pilling | |
| LEICS & RUTLAND LRC | Tony & Andrew Sinclair Antony Birch | |
| LIGHTWEIGHT LRC | Sue Foster | |
| LINCS LRC | | |
| MERSEYSIDE LROC | | |
| MIDLAND ROC | Richard & Ruth Smith John Kesterton Dan Fasham, Richard Parry | |
| NORTH EASTERN ROC | Mark & Ian Whaley | |
| NORTH WALES LRC | | Dave Mitchell |
| NOTTINGHAM LRC | Wendy & James Simpson Elizabeth Fox | |
| PEAK & DUKERIES LRC | Dennis Wright, Simon Saunt | |
| RED ROSE LRC | Roger Wright | |
| SCOTTISH LROC | | |
| SOMERSET & WILTS LRC | | |
| SOUTH COAST LROC | | |
| SOUTHERN ROC | Debby & Charles Darby Dave Canham Sandra Bourne, Mark Baitup | |
| STAFFS & SHROPS LRC | Zam Alexander | |
| TOWY LRC | Paul & Harriet Booker | |
| WYE & WELSH LRC | Peter Gladman | Murray Wiltshire, Ray Godwin |
| YORKSHIRE LROC | | |
| THE CAMEL CLUB | | |
| THE G4 CLUB | | |
| 101 FC&RC | Les Emanuel | |
| TOTAL 38 | 23 | 5 |

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MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 14th MARCH 2015 AT NFU MUTUAL, TIDDINGTON ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON, CV37 7BJ.

1. Paul Barton opened the meeting at 10.05am

Welcome and thank you to everyone for coming today. It is good to see such a large turnout. Thanks again to NFU for providing us with these facilities. Please take the opportunity to enter the free prize draw. All future meetings will take place in The Oaks Farmhouse instead of the main NFU HQ building. Free drinks are available from the vending machine. If there is a fire alarm then we must congregate in the front of the main building.

Election of ALRC Council and S&ORC added to agenda after Treasurers report.

2. Apologies for absence – see attendance table.

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th November 2014

After spelling mistakes the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November 2014 were proposed as being a true record by Guy Cashmore, seconded by Dennis Wright and agreed unanimously. Signed by Paul Barton.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes (*unless covered elsewhere*).

None received.

5. Chairman's Report –Paul Barton

It seems to have been a very quick year since we were last gathered here for the ALRC AGM and once again we must thank NFU for hosting us and for their support during the year in making this building and the venue available to us for our meetings and for their support "out in the field" especially with the National Rally.

Looking back then to May 2014 to the 2014 ALRC National Rally at Stainby Quarry, which despite the weather and the fears of a compact site, was a memorable event. We once again had an ALRC multi club run event which was a great success even if a new event emerged this year called caravan recovery which took place after the very heavy rain on Monday and Tuesday. It was certainly memorable with many club members getting involved. Each National has its memories and 2014 has some great ones in the fine tradition of the ALRC.

Each National Rally is an event in itself and I look forward to the 2015 event hosted by Midland ROC at Eastnor. The competition ground includes the Ridgeway and Bronsil and those names alone should be enough to stir competitive spirits amongst club members. CCVT bookings are up to group K. Please can you all go back to your clubs and get your members to enter or camp and caravan and support the National rally 2015.

This year ALRC Council, to reflect the difficult financial climate, decided to continue to support member clubs by not increasing subscriptions and by being able to provide items at greatly reduced prices and it would be helpful as I have said previously, if this could be got across to grass roots ALRC club members please. I'm not sure that is the case as I haven't seen much mention in club magazines and indeed one club magazine I have seen was recently published without a national rally entry form or how to book which I think is very poor indeed!! ALRC is trying to support you as member clubs so please will you go back to club committees and support ALRC National Rally as much as you can. It is an expensive site to hire but very much an important one for all things Land Rover. Whilst you are encouraging your members can you please ensure that this includes trying to ensure all members get a copy of the 2015 ALRC handbook

Just like your club, the ALRC does not run itself and I want to pay tribute to all of the members of the ALRC Council who work on your behalf in their various capacities. In particular and without wishing to embarrass either of them I would like to ask you to join me in thanking Derek who keeps the books and the rest of the world in order and Simone who is just amazing at keeping everything up to date and clubs informed of what we are up to. This year a long standing stalwart of the ARC and ALRC is standing down for health reasons and our very best wishes go to Tony Kempster our Countryside

And Rights of Way Officer for all that he has done down the years. I would like at this point to propose a vote of thanks to Tony and hope you will join me in thanking him in the normal way.

Today there are elections to Council and I am very pleased to be able to say that Roger Wright has agreed to step forward and volunteer for the Countryside role and I hope you will be able to support Roger as you have Tony.

As your Chairman I'm looking forward to the 2015 National Rally and to visiting the Land Rover Works Defender Assembly line in a couple of weeks before production ceases at the end of the year an anniversary none of us wants to have to acknowledge but a sad fact of vehicle regulation and the lack of airbags etc. in the Defender.

Please encourage your club members to support the National Rally and the other various inter-club events taking place during 2015 which all help organising clubs with their cash flow so please encourage your club members to support these events too!!

As always the strength of the ALRC is created by the member clubs!! Thank you for your support over the last year.

6. Secretary's Report – Simone Birch

a. It has been another busy year with ALRC business being done every day. This has included helping to co-ordinate a National Rally where it was appreciated to see so many clubs get involved in the running of the event. It is always nice to meet up with members of the ALRC that you only see a few times a year. The production of the 2015 ALRC Handbook also added to the email volume!

The following has been sent to all clubs: The ALRC EGM and S&ORC meeting minutes have been sent to all club secretaries, S&ORC, log book scrutineers and club delegates who attend the meetings. Rights of Ways information has been sent to some local clubs and copied to Roger Wright.

Details of club events circulated by email.

When enquiries are received from non-members looking for information to join a club they are directed to the clubs in their area.

Information on the AGM and the 2014 accounts have been sent to all club secretaries.

b. Cashback received from the MSA of £505.33. This is for the permits for the 2014 National Rally.

c. Request from Tony Sneesby, Breckland LRC looking for information on rule changes on the web site as he wished to clarify something for himself. Explained that information is sent to all club secretaries to circulate to their members. This is not happening in some cases. All official letters are now to be added to a folder on the website and kept in date order. No personal details will be available, only general letters sent to all club secretaries will be included.

d. Details received from Midland ROC on the direct debit system they have set up for their membership renewals. It is through GoCardless.com where information and demonstrations are available.

e. A request was received from Cornwall & Devon LRC to purchase 10 weatherwriters. We only had 2 left in stock and when we originally bought these we agreed to sell the surplus at £10 each.

The ALRC already have 12 available for events such as the National Rally. They are still in good condition and kept by Simone. Ones used regularly every month over the last six years are now starting to show wear and tear. Some clubs still use waterproof paper but this is now becoming more expensive.

It was agreed by the ALRC Council that a further 100 be purchased. All clubs are to be offered 2 free ones and further ones can be purchased at the price of £15 each. This is a discounted price of slightly more than 50%.

Should anything be thought of as a real benefit to the non-competitive clubs then this would be considered. Any ideas are welcome.

f. Doncaster & District LRC have decided not to renew their membership of the ALRC in 2015.

g. A basket of fruit was sent to Tony Kempster at the end of November 2014.

h. Expo 2015 at the Heritage Motor Centre was held on the 28th February 2015 and attended by myself. Also there were representatives from the Series II LRC and the Camel Club and it was nice to meet ALRC members you don't usually see. The show consisted of various stands offering club merchandise and information on various activities that may be of interest to clubs who also want to promote a social side of their club. There were also talks to attend on social media, Auto solos, Auto tests and Social Road Runs by the MSA, covering Certificates of Exemption, the Federation of British Historical Vehicle Clubs gave a talk about Maintaining Our Freedom To Use Yesterdays Vehicles On Tomorrows Roads and historic vehicle theft by a W.Midlands Police Officer – it takes only 12 secs to steal a modern Land Rover!. There is also the opportunity to look around the museum FOC. In the past this show has been very variable as to the value but if it continues in this format I would recommend that clubs attend.

There are also plans to open a new Museum Collection Centre in the autumn of this year. For this the museum are creating a new exhibition called "Car Stories" to highlight the significance and meaning of cars in people's lives.

The 'Car Stories' project is being developed and created by artist and photographer Lara Platman and the Heritage Motor Centre, Community Engagement Officer Adela Thomas.

The following is a request for any stories members may have.

Lara Platman is an Artist working with the Heritage Motor Centre on an exciting new project entitled 'Car Stories' and is looking for stories about the British cars we love so dearly to help create an exhibition that will help form the inaugural exhibition of the new Museum Collections Centre when it opens in Autumn 2015.

Lara says, "I am looking for any amazing stories from owners of cars, usually these are the stories that make the cover of the club magazine. I would like photos to accompany these stories ready for the exhibition. Any human stories relating to cars and discover how they shape our life experiences. I will be making an exhibition from all of my findings in the form of letters, drawings, audio clips to photography, cine films and various objects relating to the cars.

I am also looking for 2 'dead' British cars; one to take apart and one to keep whole. Cars that can be 'given' over to Art. A car that on the surface looks fairly ok but has fundamental flaws such as no engine, or a 'right off' and another that I would like to be able to take apart and use this within my exhibition. Great kudos can be awarded to the owners for providing their cars for art."

If you would like to take part in this exciting project please contact Lara Platman at the Heritage Motor Centre by sending an email to museum@heritage-motor-centre.co.uk with 'CAR STORIES' in the subject bar.

Deadline to be able to take part in the project (to be included in the autumn exhibition) is May 2015.

i. Petition details received from Malcolm Wilson on protecting motorsport venues by introducing a mandatory noise complaint waiver. This closes on 30th March 2015.

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/72458> . At present this petition stands at approx. 40,000 signatures – 100,000 are required.

j. Leicestershire & Rutland LRC – Tony Sinclair has been nominated as their ALRC representative. Clubs are reminded that if their club secretary cannot attend meetings then a representative from the club may do so but this information does need to be confirmed by the club.

Cornwall & Devon LRC – Peter Alexander has taken over as their ALRC Representative as Guy Cashmore has become their Chairman.

Club Secretary address details / Council member / Scrutineering Change of address:
Changes to what already has appeared in the ALRC 2015 Handbook.

Council details:

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Richard Banks – richardbanks195@btinternet.com

Privilege Event Permits applied for in 2015 from the following clubs:

East Northants ROC (2), Essex LRC (1), Hants & Berks LRO (4), Peak & Dukeries LRC (4), Southern ROC (4)

Please remember these can be applied for by email using the form which is available on the website. Not many clubs seem to be applying for permits.

7. Treasurers Report – Derek Spooner

I will split the report into General and Annual Accounts.

General

Since the last EGM meeting there has been considerable movement of funds in & out.

Main general Income:-

Subs £10878, Logbooks £258, Cheques for subs to value of £621 to be banked.

Main General Expenses:-

Yearbook £6997.00, NFU Property Insurance £289, ACCEO Subs £108

General Expenses (mainly travel) £2378, Legal Advice about membership £ 300.00, Weatherwriters £2935

National 2014 - Final figure for event is £759 plus the Refund from MSA of £505 = £1264

Unity are changing bank accounts from Co-op to NatWest sometime in the Summer. Account numbers will stay the same but the sort code will change. This will be notified to the clubs for next year's subscriptions.

You will see that two of the bonds we had with Lloyds Bank have matured. I did not renew this time as the Terms have changed. We previously could cash the bond early with loss of all interest. Now it is a fixed term with no early release. I will be investing in Bonds again but on a 3 or 6 month period so that we will have access in the shorter time scale should it be needed.

There are just four clubs still to pay their 2015 subscription – Aylesbury LRFC, The G4 OC, The Camel Club and Merseyside LRC.

There were no questions from the meeting.

Annual 2014 Accounts

On page 4 it shows that the turnover was £14,962 and the administrative expenses was £11,987 leaving a surplus of £2,975. Interest of £457 with Corporation Tax of £91 which leaves a surplus for the year of £3,341.

On page 5 it shows the depreciated assets of £1926 with stocks more or less the same. The debtors are increased because there is the outstanding loan to Midland ROC for the 2015 National Rally. The debtors are always the loan for a National Rally. Cash in the bank is slightly down. The creditors include the payment to the auditors.

Page 8 shows the turnover and expenditure figures. Subscriptions are slightly down on the previous year. The club shop surplus includes items for sale such as weatherwriters, cane tops etc. sponsorship from the NFU Mutual remains the same. There was an increase in the log book surplus, probably due to an increase in 5 year checks.

The National Rally event shows a negative figure which is not the same as announced for the 2014 National Rally. This is because the annual accounts show this event over two years.

Expenditure shows that there is a slight increase in insurance. Telephone and facsimile (includes internet) is slightly increased. Photocopying and printing charges are greatly reduced as we now have our own machine. Postage is down. Stationery is increased as we have purchased new logbooking sheets. The travelling costs have increased because there are more members claiming expenses. This is a good thing as we do not expect members to be out of pocket when they carry out their roles on behalf of the ALRC.

The trophies and engraving has been added as a new item as the ALRC now provide these for all National Rally events – previously they would have come out of the National Rally budget.

Subscriptions are similar with professional fees being for the legal advice.

Dave Canham pointed out that the ALRC did in fact not make any money out of the National Rally as this was offset by the cost of the trophies. Derek replied that there was a profit from the event but this was returned to the member clubs that assisted with the organisation. The accountant had only put the balance into the main account.

It was proposed by Debby Darby, seconded by Sue Foster and agreed unanimously that the accounts be accepted.

It was proposed by Derek Spooner, seconded by Janet Smart and agreed unanimously that the 2015 accounts be prepared by Four Oaks Taxation & Accounting Services Ltd, Suite D, Astor House, 282 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2UG.

Derek wished to thank FOTAS for turning round the accounts in less than a week following a death which affected their opening times. This is one advantage of using the same firm each year.

8. Election of ALRC Council / S&ORC.

The following members of the Council are due for re-election under the one third rotation and are seeking re-election at the ALRC AGM: Derek Spooner, Murray Wiltshire, Tim Linney, Andrew Neaves and Simone Birch

Tony Kempster has decided to retire from his position.

Debby Darby has been co-opted on to the Council on 11th October 2014 and also seeks election.

It was proposed by Zam Alexander, seconded by Peter Alexander and agreed unanimously that they remain on the ALRC Council.

A further nomination for Roger Wright to join the ALRC Council has been received proposed by Paul Barton and seconded by Simone Birch. This was agreed unanimously.

At present the ALRC Council is made up of members from the following clubs: Anglian LRC, Chiltern Vale LRC, Discovery LRC, Hants & Berks LROC, Land Rover Register 1948-53, Land Rover Series I Club, Leics & Rutland LRC, Lightweight LRC, Lincs LRC, Midland ROC, North Eastern RO, Peak & Dukeries LRC, Red Rose LRC, Southern ROC, 101 FC&RC and Wye & Welsh ROC. (Some members belong to more than one club).

The following members of The Scrutineering & Off Road Committee are also due to stand down under the three year rotation system: Malcolm Wilson, Tony Lockwood, Andrew Flanders, Mark Whaley and Gary Campbell

Andrew Flanders and Gary Campbell do not wish to be re-elected onto the S&ORC but will continue in their roles as an ALRC log book scrutineer.

Andrew Flanders will continue on the ALRC Council and carry on as MSA Liaison Officer.

It was proposed by Tim Linney, seconded by Dave Canham and agreed unanimously that Malcolm Wilson, Tony Lockwood and Mark Whaley remain on the S&ORC.

Further nominations have been received for Dave Canham, Southern ROC and Simon Saunt, Peak & Dukeries LRC to join the S&ORC.

It was proposed by Colin Gaukroger, seconded by Dennis Wright and agreed unanimously that Dave Canham and Simon Saunt join the S&ORC.

Dave Southcott and Dave Moore have both stood down from the S&ORC and as log book scrutineers.

At present the S&ORC is made up of members from Anglian LRC, Chiltern Vale LRC, Hants & Berks LRO, Leics & Rutland LRC, Lincs LRC, North Eastern RO, Peak & Dukeries LRC, Somerset & Wilts LRC and Southern ROC with some clubs having more than one representative (LLRC, NERO, P&D).

Only votes from paid up member clubs have been counted.

Denis Bourne has agreed to stand for a further term as president of the ALRC. At the council meeting held on the on the 21st February it was proposed by Simone Birch, seconded by Andrew Flanders and agreed unanimously that he hold the position for a further three years.

9. New Club Applications –

Towy Land Rover Club have applied to join the ALRC as a non-competitive club and their chairman, Paul Booker and club secretary, Harriet Booker were welcomed to the meeting. They are based in the Carmarthenshire area, have 35 members and they have submitted a copy of their club rules based on the model copy held by the ALRC for clubs to use. This has been approved by the ALRC Council.

Towy LRC started at a club meet in 2013 and after a year they decided to form a paid up club. Twenty to twenty five members turn up for meetings and they like to attend shows and do some green laning. Some have trialled in the past. The name comes from the name of the river near where they meet every second Monday of the month at The Cottage Inn, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire and everyone is welcome. They also operate a Facebook page.

Wye and Welsh LRC have no objections to Towy LRC being accepted to join the ALRC.

It was proposed by Sue Foster, seconded by Janet Smart and carried unanimously that Towy LRC be accepted as an ALRC member club. (The necessary paperwork was completed after the meeting).

10. Rule Change Proposal

Section F: CCVT Specific Technical Regulations

F.5 SILHOUETTE

F.5.1 Body panels above the ‘body capping line’ or ‘window line’ as permitted by C.12.1 may be replaced in their entirety or in part by parts other than standard manufacture. All coverings to be mounted securely to the body structure or to the Roll Over Protection System (ROPS). No drilling of the ROPS is permissible and covers may be fixed via brackets welded or clamped to the ROPS. Coverings are to be suitable for the anticipated use and not present sharp edges to the occupants or those outside the vehicle.

Section G: Competitive Safari Specific Technical Regulations

G.3 SILHOUETTE

G.3.1 Body Panels.....

Section H: Times Trial Specific Technical Regulations

H.4 SILHOUETTE

H.4.1 Body Panels.....

Section I: Point to Point and Team Recovery Specific Technical Regulations

I.6 SILHOUETTE

I.6.1 Body Panels....

Please note that the same wording is to be used in F.5.1, G.3.1, H.4.1 and I.6.1 with only one vote needing to be made to apply for all four sections.

Only forms from fully paid up members on the 14th March 2015 have been counted.

The sufficient number of voting forms had been returned prior to the meeting starting.

For – 14 , Against – 0 , Abstain – 1. The rule is carried.

The above rule change proposal will now go to the ALRC Council for consideration for ratification and if ratified will come into force immediately as a safety issue.

Any new Rule Change Proposals for discussion must be received by the ALRC Secretary by 1st June 2015.

11. Section Reports

a. Caravan Secretary – Debby Darby

57 permits have been issued so far in 2015 to 9 different clubs. There have been no reported problems at any of the rallies permitted this year.

The main issues arising so far this year are familiar ones dating back to Jim Campbell's time:

- applications arriving incomplete or incorrectly completed. Club caravan officers should ensure that all the boxes are completed, including the full address, map number and reference of the rally site. Forms requiring amendment or additional information may be returned to the caravan officer concerned which will delay the issuing of a permit.
- the declaration at the bottom of the application form should be signed by the landowner and not the ALRC club member making the application.
- Also, please remember to use the new forms and send them to me, and not Simone. Redirected forms risk your permit arriving in time for your rally.

b. Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner

Last year was very quiet but we have two invitations to events both being 40th Anniversary ones. Deutscher Land Rover Club 22nd - 25th May near Frankfurt and Norsk LR Klubb 13th – 19th July, just North of Stavanger

The German event clashes with our own National which is a pity but given I had a personal Invitation as Overseas Sec. and after some deliberation I consider the ALRC presence at these Anniversary Events would not come amiss and I plan to visit both.

If anyone would like to go to these events they would be made most welcome. Attendance is free to club members.

I have been to the Norsk club every 5 years since their 10th anniversary in 1985.

Council have authorised the ferry costs for both events.

I have trialled sending the membership invoices to overseas clubs as a pdf to cut down on postage and offered Paypal payment option. We will see if it gets to the correct recipient. One has already been received the next day after it was requested.

c. Non Competitive Clubs & Shows Co-ordinator – Sue Foster

This year I hope to attend the shows but there are fewer being organised, with most taking place between May and September. If anyone would like to attend then please contact me.

Comment from Simone - There is a new Land Rover show planned over the weekend of the 27th – 28th June 2015 at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon. Clubs may book a stand for up to 8 vehicles which also entitles them to 16 wristbands for entry. Camping is available for the Friday and Saturday night for £25 for the weekend. It would be nice if there could be an ALRC presence with member clubs in attendance but I realise that there are other events already going on that weekend.

There is also planned to be trade stands and Diana Tigwell will be commentating.

Booking forms are available at this meeting and the Heritage Motor Centre is keen to promote an ALRC presence there.

d. Countryside Access – Roger Wright

Since taking this on, I have received up to a dozen emails a week from LARA and associated senders, the majority dealing with progress and views / opinions on the Deregulation Bill.

I went to the LARA Steering Committee meeting on 28/01/15 at AMCA in Cannock, a day with snow forecast and falling intermittently.

LARA is proposing a fee increase for full members to £3000, and is also going on Facebook.

There was an update on the Powys case - Powys CC have agreed to repair three routes after meetings which demonstrated that the CC solicitor had been giving false information to the Members.

LARA want to know the national mileage of Byways open to all traffic (BOATs) and unsealed, unsurfaced, unclassified county roads (UCRs). Also taking legal advice on the origins of mechanically propelled vehicles (MPV) rights, to look for alternatives with possible reference to Enclosure Acts and Highways Acts.

The Peak District NPA want Voluntary Restraint on lanes near Hartington but the legality of their VR signs has been questioned.

Issues around Stonehenge, where diversions of the adjacent trunk road are proposed including tunnelling, were reported with 80% of damage to lanes being agricultural. BOAT 12 is proposed for closure, although it was only built in 1976 with a gravel surface. English Heritage claims that users cause damage (obvious but by whom?).

Car cruising: An Injunction has been applied in the West Midlands which could affect car clubs, such as convoys on club treasure hunts and green laning.

A revised version of the LARA Byway Code dated October 2014 has been issued.

I have learnt through other sources that there are user issues in the Hindhead area, following the closure of the old A3. The common is crossed by a number of BOATs, which have TROs for some of their length. There are a number of isolated houses which are accessed by BOATs and other rights of

way, where walkers are harassing those gaining access in the belief that user access rights do not exist and all motor vehicles are there illegally. There have also been a number of errors in the creation of rights of way diversions resulting in gaps in networks, but this is becoming common practice as those in consultants' offices drafting orders have scant knowledge of rights of way issues.

Paul Barton made the comment that the proposed LARA subscription was a 20% increase and will be looked at by the ALRC Council – some clubs do more green laning than others but some have landowners who allow them to use their land for events but would not be so keen for green laning to happen on their land which could result in damage. LARA does also deal with land access issues and it was said that these rights are under a greater threat at the moment than ever.

Roger was reminded at the LARA meeting when Dave Waterman's name was mentioned of the advice I provided to him during the preparation of the CRoW Bill in 1998/99. I had a chance conversation with one of his colleagues which resulted in my becoming a "specialist adviser" on the potential reclassification of UCRs to BOATS. This would be a very simple way to close roads and may come back on the agenda.

In 2014 there were 6 full members of LARA.

Denis Bourne said this was not the first time this issue had come up. Individual clubs end up paying a contribution indirectly to LARA several times – the ALRC pay, the MSA pay, competitive clubs pay to the MSA. GLASS are also a member of LARA and if clubs belong to them they pay again.

The question is – "Is membership of LARA good value for money?" Derek Spooner pointed out this works out at less than 50p per individual member.

Peter Gladman said that ALRC turnover are down, clubs turnover is down and this might be the time not to agree to an increase.

Andrew Neaves said speaking on behalf of the Land Rover Register Club he is happy for the ALRC Council to make the decision.

Dave Canham pointed out that LARA does not just cover green lane issues but also covers land access which helped with a National Rally a few years ago.

All members if LARA are listed on page 54 of the ALRC Handbook. Associate members do not pay as much - £250 but we do not know how much they are asking to increase this by. Some of the Associate members did use to be full members.

Debby Darby said that it would only take one full member to not pay and there would be a serious shortfall. A 20% increase was an awful lot to be asking for in this present climate.

There has been no reason as to why this increase has been asked for. Up to date accounts are to be requested and this will be discussed by the ALRC Council.

We could obviously afford to pay the increase but the increase does not seem appropriate at this time.

e. National Rally Liaison Officer – Janet Smart

The number of ALRC perpetual trophies being returned on time has increased. Some do need re-silvering / new plinths and only by getting them back at this time allows for this to be carried out.

If anyone requires any ALRC radiator badges, pin badges or stickers they are available at this meeting.

Dan Fasham – 2015 National Rally

The organisation for the National Rally is going well. Unfortunately there will be no open event this Easter at Eastnor. It has been difficult to gain access to land and this time is needed to sort out the competition routes.

All the trials grounds will be accessible from the deer park so there will be no need to trailer any vehicles. The trial grounds will be restricted to trial vehicles and official vehicles only, however Land Rover Experience have laid on shuttle buses so you will not need to walk too far.

Marshalling – we have about 70 at present but more are still needed.

Bookings – more are needed but entries for the events are up on this time last year. Please ask your members to book in.

There is a range of clothing available for pre-order only.

Sponsors are on board with LRO being very supportive and advertising the event.

Ruth Smith regularly updates the website and this is getting a lot of visitors.

There is planned to be trade stands and more would be welcome. Booking can be done through the website

Help with the scrutineering is wanted for the 2015 National Rally.

Mark Baitup – 2016 National Rally

The land has now been agreed and there have been some site meetings. It is hoped to have a main sponsor for the event soon. The site is Copford Farm, which was used successfully in 2005.

Flyers will be put in this year's event rally packs.

Anyone thinking of 2017 please contact Simone.

f. Press & Publicity – Paul Barton – Nothing to report.

g. MSA Liaison – Andrew Flanders

The following questions were raised at the MSA Cross Country committee meeting on the 5th February 2015.

The FIA Tolerance for the main hoop out of Vertical is +/- 10 degrees, This is what the MSA have quoted, we don't have to adopt this or we can if we wish?

This tolerance may well allow for the cage to be out by the diameter of the tube, depending on the height, if it has a "tall" cage its more likely. It was thought that this can only be what is observed at the time of scrutineering as there is no data to work to.

The MSA take on Off Road National B Scrutineers is still that there is no need for any special case to increase the numbers for us or any other discipline,

If any ALRC club has a requirement for a scrutineer for a Comp Safari, and one is not available locally, then Robbo Aliperti has offered to help,

It may be worthwhile to have a letter from your committee to the Technical department - John Ryan, to ask that they reconsider, having temporary grades again like in 1999-2000, to encourage more scrutineers & upgrades /fast track to help our shortage, or else in a few years there will be an even bigger gap.

The MSA diagram 31 -page 188 (page 122 in ALRC Handbook) - The 5 cm clearance on roll cages only applies to the Main hoop. The diagram also shows a 60 cm measurement. This is from the drivers chin to the knee. If this appears not to work with our vehicles then we will have to contact the technical department. We are waiting for the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2015 to be available.

The helmet spec SNELL SA2000 is now obsolete but still appears on page 177 of the MSA Yearbook so should be deleted.

On page 141 of the MSA Yearbook some of the ages are incorrect as they have not been updated. Can drive at 15 (with certain criteria being met P.24.3.1) and passenger at 12.

The MSA have also issued an open letter from the MSA Chief executive regarding spectator safety at UK stage rallies with comments that also could filter down to other motorsport events, especially speed such as comp safaris. Our member clubs that run comp safaris should be aware of this in their safety plans for events.

We need to remind all spectators of the fact that they are ultimately responsible for their own personal safety. From this year onwards the MSA will not allow the press to be given any special access. They are to be treated as spectators and must remain behind any tape. Originally the press were accompanied by a "spotter" but this is not being done now.

We still believe that members of the press will need to sign on but that they will not be allowed so much free access.

Guy Cashmore said that in the last few months there had been a noticeable tightening up of standards of marshalling on stage rallies. The need for marshals has increased from 10 to about 30, this is especially true on forestry land.

Some of the above topics will be further discussed at the S&ORC meeting this afternoon.

The next planned meeting is on the 12th May 2015 so if anyone has any queries for the MSA Andrew needs to receive them before that date.

h. S&ORC – Mark Whaley

My apologies for not being able to attend this meeting in person as we are again meeting to discuss changes to the current competition regulations.

Current Live S&ORC Topics

The current live topics within the S&ORC are based around the Rule Change Proposals under consideration for 2015.

- The first regulation proposal regarding damper mounts to be free within the standard class, after much discussion, was thought as not having sufficient information to limit the damper mounts to the standard size; the S&ORC voted unanimously against this proposal being forward to clubs for voting. It must be noted that damper mounts can be changed but competitors must be aware that they will be competing in the modified classes.
- The second suite of regulations covers the replacement of standard roof panels with alternatives within events where silhouette is limited to the body capping line. There was a minor change in wording proposed and accepted by the S&ORC and it was agreed that the proposals were moved forward for voting by the clubs at this AGM.

We still have a small number of ongoing discussion points which await further information being released by the MSA. Further information has now been received and will be discussed during the following S&ORC meeting.

New Topics for Discussion

We have only received a single enquiry for discussion since our last meeting. This will be presented, discussed and actions followed up as necessary.

i. Competitive Events Consultation Group Report – Mark Whaley

Following the second meeting of the group during the EGM of 15th November we have prepared a first draft for new RTV regulations. The new regulations have been developed using a 'matrix' format with a hierarchy of modifications starting at true production standard.

This initial draft was presented to the ALRC Council to gain support and obtain direction on how the process is and will continue to move forward. The Council supports the philosophy of the new regulations and have given guidance on how to continue with the process.

It is thought that at this time the new regulations are not sufficiently advanced for general presentation and it is hoped that more detail can be given at the next EGM.

Mark will be available this afternoon to take any questions members may have.

j. CCMSA Coordinator – Andrew Neaves

Nottingham LRC have applied for 8 permits.

I will talk to the members from Towy LRC to explain the procedure on how to obtain exemption permits for enable them to run events that would otherwise be liable for prosecution under the road traffic act.

k. Handbook – Steve Kirby

5500 copies of the handbook were printed by Cambrian Printers, Aberystwyth who also coordinated the delivery of them. The charge for this was £5437.00. The deliveries were complicated by some members not being in to receive them, some ignoring cards left and also in one instance a club secretary not notifying a change of address 6 months previous which meant the handbook were already out of date before they were even delivered! There may be an additional charge for this but this has not been received as yet.

Unfortunately there is a duplication of text on the MSA pages on page 243. This has now been removed on the master copy by Simone so will not occur in the next edition.

Page 72 still shows 2013 on B.3.1.

It does go to show no matter how many times articles are proof read mistakes can happen.

As updates are received from the MSA to their Yearbook these will be added to the master document in Dropbox ready for the next edition.

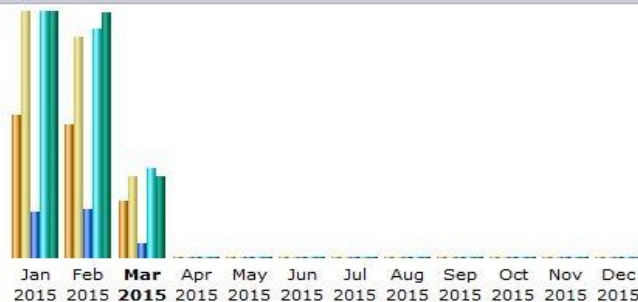
Midland ROC, along with probably most clubs do not post out the handbooks but rely on members collecting them at events etc. This could mean that that they still have an awful lot left at the end of the two years. We have an obligation that members do have access to them.

The cost of sending them direct to each individual would be very expensive and difficult to co-ordinate on a day to day basis.

l. Webmaster – Murray Wiltshire

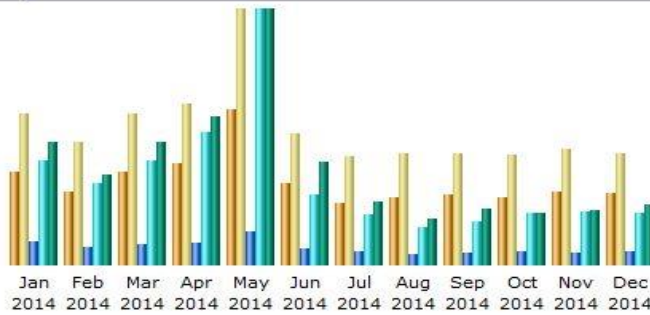
The ALRC website continues in popularity with good access and download figures. (As of 11/03/15 15.00). Below are the latest basic statistics for 2015 and further below, the same can be seen for the whole of 2014.

Monthly history



| Month | Unique visitors | Number of visits | Pages | Hits | Bandwidth |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Jan 2015 | 2,001 | 3,453 | 8,783 | 46,673 | 766.00 MB |
| Feb 2015 | 1,869 | 3,099 | 9,094 | 43,314 | 762.41 MB |
| Mar 2015 | 790 | 1,135 | 2,665 | 16,977 | 255.29 MB |
| Apr 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| May 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jun 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jul 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aug 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sep 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dec 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 4,660 | 7,687 | 20,542 | 106,964 | 1.74 GB |

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| Month | Unique visitors | Number of visits | Pages | Hits | Bandwidth |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jan 2014 | 2,235 | 3,648 | 13,401 | 61,316 | 1.53 GB |
| Feb 2014 | 1,763 | 2,959 | 10,138 | 48,391 | 1.12 GB |
| Mar 2014 | 2,256 | 3,668 | 11,727 | 61,320 | 1.54 GB |
| Apr 2014 | 2,471 | 3,894 | 13,381 | 78,246 | 1.85 GB |
| May 2014 | 3,752 | 6,185 | 19,829 | 150,701 | 3.19 GB |
| Jun 2014 | 1,988 | 3,183 | 9,917 | 41,676 | 1.28 GB |
| Jul 2014 | 1,486 | 2,627 | 8,243 | 29,725 | 808.94 MB |
| Aug 2014 | 1,625 | 2,683 | 6,215 | 22,300 | 592.55 MB |
| Sep 2014 | 1,709 | 2,689 | 6,970 | 25,860 | 721.83 MB |
| Oct 2014 | 1,648 | 2,649 | 8,214 | 30,670 | 658.20 MB |
| Nov 2014 | 1,758 | 2,814 | 7,098 | 31,282 | 703.82 MB |
| Dec 2014 | 1,737 | 2,681 | 8,210 | 30,356 | 780.03 MB |
| Total | 24,428 | 39,680 | 123,343 | 611,843 | 14.67 GB |

I am able to update the site as and when I get notifications to do so, normally the same day. Occasionally this is longer because I am away from web access, but will be done as soon I can return to access.

Last month, February, I have updated the web site in conjunction with the new 2015 Handbook. The new Handbook page provides menu links, where many aspects of the green book can be accessed on line, either by direct web pages or down-loadable documents. These are in the 'pdf' (portable document) format.

Some of these menu links have now replaced some of the old navigation bar links, so if you cannot see a link you have used in the past, check on the Handbook page as it will be there.

The old ALRC News link has now gone, but the information can be accessed via the 'Notice Board' link, where old news is linked at the top.

A new link has also been added to the navigation bar for 'Briefings'.

This link provides a table format and will list all letters to clubs issued to by the ALRC Secretary.

Please note that although the National Rally web pages for 2015 are hosted on an independent site, the 2015 booking system is hosted within the ALRC site and has been provided free of charge by Dave Barrell (W&WLRC) and is administered by Andrew Neaves of MROC, just as in 2014 for the ALRC organised Rally.

The url for the sub domain www.nationalrally.alrc.co.uk works well as it redirects to the 2015 main page and allows this url to be used for each and every National Rally in future. This was redirected from the 2014 site, as soon as the 2014 result details were completed.

The individual year Rally pages can be hosted directly within the main ALRC structure but also allow another person (like Dave in 2014) to have individual access to just the specific year pages and not to the rest of the ALRC main site. This can continue for many years at no extra cost to the ALRC until more capacity is needed.

(We are currently using 0.14Gb of our current package limit of 2Gb limit– so I would estimate 10 years before needing to update this)

This will allow ALRC to advertise a free web site for any club that considers hosting a National Rally in future years.

The web hosting package will renewal for 2014 was £48 and I await the reminder for the 2015 renewal for 9th May.

Renewal for the Domain Name "alrc.co.uk" is not due until 9th June 2016 which I will deal with and report back, closer to that date.

Face Book

I created an 'open' group on face book in 2012 for ALRC 2013 National Rally and has been renamed "ALRC National Rally" so it can be reused each year. This currently has 342 members and has been very effective in getting information out to members across lots of clubs.

The group "[ALRC Competitors & Competitions Group - \(Un-official\)](#) secret" group that was created on facebook, did have 300+ members but now has only 283 members and is not being used as regularly and so is maybe losing popularity? I believe this is due to another new group "Gaaarrmotorsport

(non-controversial page,ish)" group which has 162 members and attracts much jovial banter which may have diverted users from the un-official group.

As always, please let me know if there are issues/omissions with the ALRC web site, links are on the site to e-mail the Webmaster.

m. Child Protection – Simone Birch.

No issues raised. It must be remembered that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility and it would be useful if all club child protection officers were aware of their local safeguarding children board contact number. This can always be accessed through the police if necessary.

12. Any Other Business

a. Roger Crathorne has now retired from Land Rover but he has been sent a copy of the ALRC Handbook as he has expressed an interest to continue receiving a copy.

b. Andrew Neaves said that as a request had been made for ideas for items for the non-competitive clubs he asked if the ALRC Council would consider a review of the membership fees. It has been quite a while since the current subscription fees have been put in place. This will be discussed at their next meeting. Any views from non-competitive clubs would be welcome – please pass comments on to Simone.

c. The club membership certificates are available for collection at lunchtime. The remainder will be posted out.

d. Following the last ALRC Council meeting Paul Barton has written to all clubs about membership details required by the ALRC. As Derek Spooner mentioned in his report we have taken legal advice on this matter and as a limited company we do need to comply with the Companies Act. We are also going to be looking at the data protection act because one member club has taken advice from the Information Commissioner's Office about whether or not they do need to take further control on the data they hold on their own members to protect themselves under the data protection act. This detailed information will hopefully be received by me and I am hoping to have something to circulate to all clubs on this matter so that those that are limited companies can ensure that they are complying with the act. Many clubs are older and precede the data protection act that came out in 1998. Some limited clubs will have Articles of Association that predate the Companies Act that came out in 2006. It is important for clubs to keep themselves up to date and any information that the ALRC Council receive will be passed to member clubs.

Any membership details received by the ALRC will not be given out.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 4th July 2015.

Future meetings are to combine the EGM and S&ORC on the same day. EGM – am, S&ORC – pm.

Dates for 2015.

Council – June 13th, October 10th.

AGM / EGM / S&ORC - November 21st.

Dates for 2016.

Council – February 6th, June 11th, October 8th.

AGM / EGM / S&ORC – March 19th, July 9th, November 12th.

Clubs are asked to try and avoid the dates of the general meetings for club events if at all possible.

All meetings are to be in The Oaks Farmhouse instead of the main MFU Mutual HQ building. As you enter the NFU Mutual site drive down the main drive, turn left and follow the road turning left again to park within the walled car park. Park near to the covered walk way and you'll see The Oaks Farmhouse in front of you.

14. Close of Meeting at 11.49